

REMARKS

Prior to examination of the above identified application on the merits, applicant requests entry of the enclosed amendment. By this amendment, claims 1, 3 and 6 have been amended and claims 2 and 7 have been canceled. The subject matter of claim 2 has been incorporated into independent claim 1 while the subject matter of claimant's 7 has been incorporated into independent claim 6. As a result, claims 1, 3-6, 8-10 and 12 are pending for examination with claims 1 and 6 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicant believes that the prior art of record does not make obvious the claims, as presently amended. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, the


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Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account Number 02-3285, under Docket Number DUMMETT-043XX.

Respectfully submitted,

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